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SUBJECT: RESULT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S DEMARCHE

REF: STATE 46660

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MONTANARO CALLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN THIS MORNING, FEBRUARY 23, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT STROESSNER FOLLOWING A CALL HE HAD RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR.

2. TODMAN STATED HE WAS TAKING THIS UNUSUAL STEP OF DISCUSSING THE MATTER PERSONALLY BECAUSE OF HIS EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT STROESSNER AND BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEWED THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE WORD THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE PLANNED INVITATION FOR THE IAHRC TO VISIT PARAGUAY SHORTLY FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS.

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3. MONTANARO AGREED THAT THE GOOD FAITH COMMITMENT OF PARAGUAY IS INVOLVED IN THE QUESTION OF THE IAHRC VISIT. HE NOTED THAT THE ELECTIONS HAD JUST BEEN CONCLUDED AND THERE HAD NOT BEEN TIME TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE INVITATION. HE PROMISED TO SPEAK TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER LATER IN THE DAY AND EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THE PARAGUAYAN

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GOVERNMENT WOULD SHORTLY BE IN TOUCH WITH IAHRC CHAIRMAN
AGUILAR TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A DATE OF THE VISIT.
HE SAID THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INFORMED AS
SOON AS THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED. VANCE

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